The following actions have been taken by the Government:—

1. Intensification of active case detection programme by visit of para-medical workers on house to house basis.

2. Augmentation of treatment facilities to all the case at hospitals and dispensaries.

3. Monitoring of data at the district and State level.

4. Insecticidal spray has been started in the affected villages.

5. Intensification of Health education programme through hand-bills, posters, staff visiting homes and also through the local branch of All India Radio.

6. Under the orders of the District Collector all the pigs have been ordered for removal at a distance of 2 Kms. from the nearest residential locality.

7. Requisite quantity of Malathion has been/is being supplied to the State Government for spray operations.

Adoption of small family norms in States

1435. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small family norms have not yet been fully accepted in many villages of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Haryana;

(b) if so, what is the number of such villages in each State; and

(c) what are the programmes being worked out to propagate the small family norms among these people through media publicity, increased incentives in cash and kind etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Data pertaining to small family norm acceptance at village level is not complied.

(c) The different media of communication such as the Units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting viz. All India Radio, Doordarshan, D.A.V.P., Song and Drama Division, Films Division, Directorate of Field Publicity and Press Information Bureau as well as, media set ups in the States including inter-personnel communication channels are being utilised for promoting small family norms through literature, film shows, exhibitions, hoardings, wall paintings, song and drama performances and organisation of opinion leader camps.

In addition to the compensation of Rs. 100/- for acceptors of sterilisation and Rs. 9/- for acceptors of IUD from the Government of India, some State Governments also give additions incentives in cash and kind from their own resources and in the form of green cards and lottery tickets.

Medicine for preventing pregnancy

1436. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a medicine has been invented by ICMR to prevent pregnancy through injections,

(b) whether this has been patented.

(c) if so, whether approval of WHO has been obtained; and

(d) by when this medicine is likely to be put to large scale use, as a family planning device?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE):

(a) to (d) The development of vaccines for birth control is under process at the National Institute of Immunology. The National Institute of Immunology has taken action to patent one of the vaccines and the other is under process. Approval of WHO is not required for such cases.

Birth rate

1437. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the birth rate in the country per thousand at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the birth rate has been brought down further in 1985 and so far till October, 1986 if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Birth Rate estimated as obtained from the Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India are available on calender year basis. According to Registrar General, India the latest information on Birth Rate is available for the year, 1984 and the same is 33.9 per thousand population at the national level.

Computerised ticketing by IA and AI at Hyderabad

1438. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce computerised ticketing by Indian Airlines/Air India at Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Both Air India and Indian Airlines have plans to introduce computerised ticketing at Hyderabad before the end of 1987.

Expenditure on trains

1439. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred by the Railways on the introduction of new trains during the last two years; and

(b) what is the number of trains proposed to be started during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Train-wise figures of expenditure are not maintained.

(b) Proposals regarding new trains etc. are considered twice a year by the Inter-Railway Time Table Coordination Committee in their meeting held before the finalisation of the Railways' Summer and Winter time tables.

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1440. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the books that National Book Trust has got in its stock;